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PASS PRESIDENTIAL PARTY FOR THE SECRETARY AND
DR. BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: X-GDS-3
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: MEETING WITH MITTERRAND

REF: GAMMON-INDERFURTH TELECON

1. SUMMARY: PRIOR TO CARRYING OUT TELEPHONED INSTRUCTIONS TO SCHEDULE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH MITTERRAND AT THE HOTEL MARIGNY, EMBASSY WISHES TO STRESS DANGER THAT THIS MOVE MAY BOTH ALIENATE PRESIDENT GISCARD, WHO DOES NOT WISH HIS GUESTHOUSE TO BE USED FOR MEETING WITH HIS MOST DANGEROUS POLITICAL FOE, AND EVOKE TURNDOWN FROM MITTERRAND WHO DOES NOT WISH TO DARKEN ANY OF GISCARD'S DOORS. END SUMMARY.

2. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT GISCARD WILL VIGOROUSLY OBJECT TO HOLDING MITTERRAND MEETING ON WHAT IS SEEN AS ELYSEE TURF, PARTICULARLY SINCE MITTERRAND HAS REFUSED TO CALL ON GISCARD HIMSELF DURING HIS ENTIRE PRESIDENCY. FRANCOIS PONCET REITERATED THIS
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POINT ON THURSDAY. EQUALLY IMPORTANTLY, IT IS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE THAT MITTERRAND WOULD AGREE TO COME TO WHAT HE SEES AS A GISCARD CONTROLLED RESIDENCE. QUESTION OF LOCATION OF MEETING ON US TERRITORY HAS FROM OUTSET BEEN ISSUE ON WHICH PS HAS INSISTED. FOR BOTH REASONS, THEREFORE, US INSISTENCE ON CHOOSING SITE AT MARIGNY RUNS HIGH

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RISK OF SCUTTLING PROSPECTS FOR MEETING IN WORST POSSIBLE WAY.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT, LOGISTICALLY, MARIGNY IS MORE CONVENIENT, AND THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY NOT RPT NOT WISH TO GO TO THE RESIDENCE SINCE THIS COULD CREATE THE PUBLIC IMPRESSION OF MAKING A SPECIAL EFFORT TO SEE MITTERRAND EVEN WITH OTHER APPOINTMENT FOR OECD SYG VAN LENNEP TO MASK IT. WE COULD ALSO PRESENT THE EVENT IN TERMS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO SAY A WORD OF GREETINGS TO THE EMBASSY STAFF, WHO COULD BE MASSED IN EMBASSY RESIDENCE COURTYARD OR ASSEMBLED AT CHANCERY IF THAT SITE WERE CHOSEN IN ORDER TO FINESS INCONVENIENT, NOT TO SAY PETTY GISCARD AND MITTERRAND QUIBBLINGS OVER MARIGNY.

4. REQUEST URGENT GUIDANCE.
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